First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

October 23, 2022
10:00 am

"Just Worship"
20th Sunday After Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship
By William Moore, Arr Cindy Berry

RINGING THE BELL **PATTY SHERWOOD**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **TAD WYSOR**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader and Roomie Greeter is Tad Wysor
  - Zoomie Greeter is Ellie Gusman.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Let the Spirit Come"
17 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive **TAD WYSOR**

Leader: Let the Mystery of God draw us in:
People: Beautiful, Just, Merciful!

Leader: Let the Wisdom of God surprise us:
People: Vulnerable, Powerful, Searching!

Leader: Let the Glory of God shine through our work:
People: Salty, Bright and Good!

Leader: In the Mystery, the Wisdom, the Glory of God
People: Let us worship!

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"There Are Some Things I May Not Know"
405 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

MORNING MESSAGE WITH SCRIPTURES-
"Social Justice with Love and Truth" **MARTY KLEINO**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Dream God's Dream"
120 SING

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **TAD WYSOR**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **TAD WYSOR**

O God, you sowed the seeds of justice when you created this world.
Though your bountiful creation has enough for everyone,
it is hardly divided fairly.
There are those who struggle to get their daily bread each day
and then there are those who have more than they can use in their lifetime.
May we remember all we have comes from you
and you have entrusted to us all that we have.
May we take your commandments to heart so we can do as Jesus asks of us.
Grant that we, O God, use this hour to work in our ministries
to end this disparity.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **TAD WYSOR**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offering place on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
.PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"O Word of God Incarnate"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
From the *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch,* Arr Cindy Berry

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **MARTY KLEINO**

Generous God, we thank you for all we have, for all of it comes from you.
We gratefully return a portion of what we have to you.
May our offerings sustain and support the work of this church
to close the disparity between those who have much
and those who have little in this community.
Amen

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"Over My Head"
514 NCH

BENEDICTION *Unison with microphone muted **MARTY KLEINO**
Let us count our days that we may gain a wise heart.
Let God satisfy us this morning with steadfast love,
so we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Let God's favor be upon us to prosper the work of our hands.
Depart in peace.
Amen.

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

From the *Katholisches Gesangbuch,* Arr Cindy Berry

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Preaching Today, Marty Kleino
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Srinivas, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Intern
Tad Wysor, Worship Leader/Roomie Greeter
Ellie Gusman, Roomie Greeter
Patty Sherwood, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Hymn Profiles:** www.sirchio.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108

Worship Next Week: Rev Cheryl Burke, preaching; Jeanette Sherrill, Worship Leader/Zoomie Greeter; Patty Sherwood, Roomie Greeter/Usher

Pastor Liz to give the "Offertory Invitation & Prayer" at the Installation of Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel this afternoon in Lansing: Since July, Pastor Liz has been working to advocate on behalf of Ypsi UCC for the creation and funding of a new MI Conference sponsored Local Church Vitalization Program. Pastor Liz has been invited to give the "Offertory Invitation" and prayer during the installation service in honor of the creation of this new MI Conference program to fund the vitalization of local churches like ours. Much like Pastor Liz donated the monetary gifts from her Ordination & Installation service last October to Ypsi UCC's local social justice ministries, Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel will be donating the monetary gifts she receives at her installation service to this brand new local church vitalization program. If you haven't yet registered to attend either in person or via YouTube, you can still do so at:

Hybrid Installation Service for Conference Minister, The Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel

Sunday, October 23rd @ 3:00 p.m.
In- Person: Edgewood United Church, UCC, 469 N. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823

Online viewing: https://www.youtube.com/EdgewoodUnitedChurch

REGISTER FOR THE INSTALLATION SERVICE

http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=vvgfsudab&oeidk=a07eje6oju9259458bf

"Take Them A Meal" for Ron Horvath: Ron has begun chemo-again--and is also caring for Gail (Glenda's sister) who was discharged last Saturday after extensive oral cancer surgery. Folks are invited to support Ron as he cares for Gail by providing meals. Gail will be on a feeding tube for 6 more weeks until her jaw heals--so in terms of quantity, the meals are only for Ron right now. If you send a "Take Them A Meal," the package contains enough food for about 4 meals. If you prefer to cook something or order it from a local restaurant, please enter this on the "Take Them A Meal" meal schedule so other folks can see when meals are still needed. Marty Kleino has volunteered to deliver local meals (home cooked or from a restaurant) beginning Tuesday, Nov. 25. Thank you for your caring and generosity!

Ron's meal schedule: www.TakeThemAMeal.com/NRQN7604
Ron's home phone is: 737-482-5619
Marty's cell phone is: 734-262-1419

Rev. Cheryl Burke, Associate Conference Minister, Michigan Conference UCC, will be our guest preacher on October 30. Cheryl will offer a message on "Transitions" grounded in Susan Beaumont's book. Thank you, Cheryl, for sharing your gifts and expertise in support of our Monday evening communal discernment gatherings based on Beaumont's work. We look forward to your in-person visit.

Luncheon Friendship Gatherings continue! NEXT SUNDAY!

From our Friendship Time Coordinators, Barbara Garland and Marty Kleino:

By popular demand, Council decided in lieu of our pre-COVID pandemic weekly friendship time, would continue to join with each other for periodic lunches together at a restaurant following worship. Barb and Marty have made arrangements for lunch after worship, October 30th. They were hoping that Rev Cheryl Burke, who will be preaching that day, would join us for a meal. Unfortunately, that is not possible for her; she has other responsibilities that day.

Lunch will be at **Los Amigos Fiesta**
4855 Washtenaw Ave.
Ann Arbor 48108

Visioning Gatherings begin Oct 31 on Mondays 7:00 pm via Zoom:

Pastor Liz will lead us in doing the follow-up communal discernment work of identifying Ypsi UCC's unique combination of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" based on our spring book study on Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season.* All are invited to participate in this important conversation about where God's Spirit is calling our faith community to serve at this critical juncture in our church's life cycle. In preparation, it would be ideal to re-read the whole book. In a nod to our busy schedules—if this is not possible—please focus on re-reading Chapter 6: "Clarifying Purpose: Who Do We Choose to Be?" Pages 113-133. Looking forward to engaging in this meaningful exploration together!

Florida Fruit Drive Begins: You can make a difference! Your purchases support Florida's economic recovery from Hurricane Ian AND our church's local Washtenaw County ministries and social justice work. We are again partnering with Indian River Groves in Florida to provide citrus products. This an annual fund raiser for Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. We have found the fruit to be excellent and the company very responsive, and cooperative to work with. Share this information with friends and family. Please help us meet our fund-raising goals! This makes a perfect gift for the holiday season.

Use the link below to make your order
www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1017616
or go to our web site www.ypsiucc.org

Thank you for your support of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC.

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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Call and Response

Let Your Spirit Come

♩=100
B♭/C B♭/F F B♭/F F B♭6 B♭maj7
Let your Spir - it come, *let your Spir - it come;* fall up - on me now,_ *fall up -*
♩=100
Second time to Coda
4
B♭6 B♭maj7 B♭/F F B♭/F F
*-on me now.*_ Let your Spir - it come, *let your Spir - it come;* fall up -
7
B♭6 B♭maj7 B♭6 B♭maj7 B♭
-on us now,_ *fall up - on us now.*_ Let your rain fall down, *let your*

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F6/A
F/A
F6/A
rain fall down; pour up - on our souls, pour up - on our souls. Come and
13
Gm
B♭maj7
C
wash us now, come and wash us now; come and make us whole, come and
Coda
16
B♭maj7
C
B♭6
F
B♭6
F
make us whole. Let your -on us now, fall up - on us now.

405 There Are Some Things I May Not Know

(Yes, God Is Real)

Kenneth Morris, 1942; alt.

Unison
1 There are some things I may not know, there are some
2 Some folks may doubt, some folks may scorn, all can de -
3 I can - not tell just how you felt when Je - sus
plac - es I can't go, But I am sure of this one
sert and leave me a - lone, But as for me I'll take God's
took your sins a - way, But since that day, yes, since that
thing, that God is real for I can feel God deep with - in.
part, for God is real and I can feel God in my heart.
hour, God has been real for I can feel God's ho - ly power.
Refrain
Yes, God is real, real in my soul; yes, God is real for God has

This gospel song by Kenneth Morris is considered his most successful composition. It has become a standard in many African-American churches, and has been translated into twenty-four languages. Morris is also known for his musical arrangements, which number more than 3,000.

Tune: YES, GOD IS REAL 8.8.8.12. with refrain
Kenneth Morris, 1942

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washed and made me whole; God's love for me is like pure
gold, yes, God is real for I can feel God in my soul.

RESPOND

120 Dream God's Dream

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♩.=69
D C G D C G D Em7
Dream God's dream! Ho-ly
D/F♯ G Bm7
Spir - it help us dream of a world where there is
F♯m7 G Em7 A A/G
jus - tice and where ev - 'ry one is free to
D/F♯ G Bm7 A
build and grow and love, and to sim - ply have e -
G D/F♯ Em7 Asus A7 D
Last time to Coda
-nough. The world will change, when we dream God's dream.
C G D C G D C G
1. I'm dream-ing of a world where the col - or of one's
2. I'm dream-ing of the call God is of - fer-ing to
3. I'm dream-ing of the way that I want my life to
D C Em7 D
skin will mean less than what's with - in the per - son's heart.
me, how to use my en - er - gy and my best gifts;
go. I've got hope and I've got goals I'd like to meet.

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C G/B D C
A world where wa - ter's clean and where
to do the work of Christ to say
I'm reach - ing for the stars, but I
G D Em7
air is safe to breathe. And ev - 'ry chi - ld
God, please use my life to spread Your heal - ing
won't for - get the scars of Christ who died to
D/F# Em7 G Asus D
Coda
born has e - nough to eat. dream.
love and to live Your truth.
show that the dream's for all.

Dream God's Dream

Brian Sirchio is a UCC ordained minister, served 2 small churches in northern Wisconsin (1983-87) and lived in Three Lakes, WI for the first 6 years of his music ministry. He now live in Madison. Many of his songs have been born out of his experience working extensively in Haiti He is a founding member of Haiti Allies which supports education, meal programs and job creation in Haiti.

In 2015 with Brian McLaren and Rev. Cameron Trimble, the Convergence Music Project was formed. CMP is a worship music company which reflects a new genre of worship music with progressive lyrics and theology.

Words and Music: Bryan Sirchio

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Over My Head

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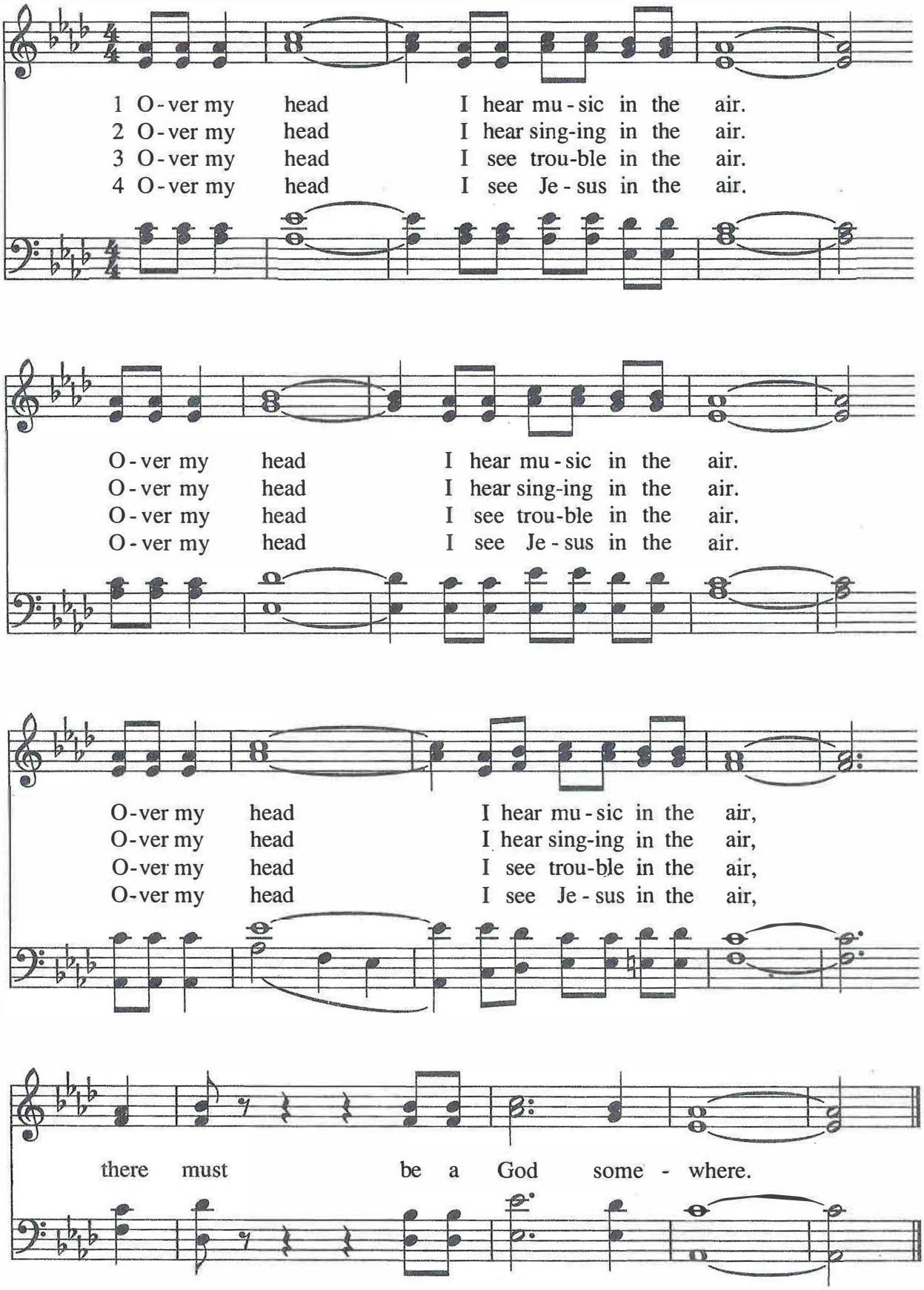
African-American traditional


1 O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.
2 O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air.
3 O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air.
4 O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air.
O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air.
O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air.
O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air.
O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air.
O-ver my head I hear mu-sic in the air,
O-ver my head I hear sing-ing in the air,
O-ver my head I see trou-ble in the air,
O-ver my head I see Je-sus in the air,
there must be a God some-where.

This African-American spiritual was widely sung during the 1960s folk-song movement. It was also a freedom song for the civil rights struggle and sometimes included the stanza: "Over my head I see freedom in the air."

Tune: African-American traditional
Arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland and Verolga Nix, 1981